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GREENWAY

GREENWAY - On 20th May, 1816 Thomas GREENWAY married Maria FOOT at Berwick St John.

Maria (1787-1835) was the sixth of the twelve children of Henry Foot (1751-1820) and his wife Ann Foot (1758-1833), a cousin. There were several branches of the Foot family in the parish of Berwick St John and the wider area. Henry was from a family of yeoman farmers, his ancestors holding, among other farms, Lower Bridmore. Henry resided at Berwick Farm (earlier known as Barwick Farm, later to become Manor Farm), situated in the centre of the village of Berwick St John, near the church. After Henry's death the farm was taken over by his youngest son Charles (1797-1865) who married Ann ROLAND of Helston, Cornwall.

Thomas Greenway (1777-1826) was the son of Thomas Greenway and Elizabeth CROFT of Halloughton Hall, Nether Whitacre, Warwickshire. The couple had 17 children, all born between 1774 and 1797, many of whom died young. Thomas was the fourth child, the third to survive childhood. He became a barrister at law. Aged only 49 at the time of his death, Thomas was buried at St Mary's, Penzance on 2nd December, 1826. He had signed his will on the 19th of April 1826 and added a codicil on 10th June 1826 and another on 15th June. There is also an affidavit attached to the will, dated 31st January, 1827, signed by Thomas' brother-in-law Cadman HODGKINSON (who had married Maria's sister, Susan Foot) of Budge Row in the City of London and Robert HICHENS of Threadneedle Street, London.

On 13th October, 1826, Charlotte GROVE provides a hint in her diary that Mr Greenway may not be well; on the nineteenth she declares there are "no hopes" for him. On the 27th of November he is said to be "in an insensible state".

Following her husband's death, Maria came back to live in Berwick St John, possibly in 1827 (the diary for that year is unfortunately missing). She probably lived at "Berwick Cottage" with her youngest sister, Sophia Foot (1799-1858), who remained unmarried. The first suggestion that something might be amiss was on 25th June, 1835, when Charlotte reported that "Mrs Greenway has been very ill". In October and November, Charlotte states that Mrs Greenway is very ill in Weymouth. Maria died at Weymouth on 12th April 1835, which Charlotte notes on the 13th. On the 14th Charlotte writes, "Mrs Greenway's death was truly the death of the Righteous". There are several references in the diaries concerning Mrs Greenway's kindness to the poor.

Maria was only 48 when she died. She and Thomas had no children. She wrote her will on the 10th July, 1831, with codicils added on 18th April 1835 and 6th November 1835. Her sister, Sophia, signed an affidavit stating that she had found both codicils in a drawer in the bedroom of the deceased and both were in her sister's handwriting.

Thomas Greenway had an elder brother named Kelynge, named for his paternal grandfather Kelynge Greenway. He also had nephews and nieces, including Edward Kelynge (1806), Charles Thomas (1810) and George Sullivan, the sons of Thomas' brother Edward Croft Greenway and Isabella SULLIVAN. On 8th October, 1828 Charlotte reported that George was "very much hurt by the blowing up of powder". This was presumably gunpowder and George would have been about 20 years of age (he was born 1808, in Madras). George survived the accident, however, and went on to marry a Mary Ann ROBERTS in 1848. He died in 1857, aged about 48.

Other surnames connected to Greenway include CATTEL and CORRIE. See FOOT for the surnames associated with that family.